

REMARKS

This timely filed Reply is in response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2005.

In the Office Action, the Examiner set forth a restriction requirement and required election of one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-11, drawn to a slurry, classified in class 51, subclass 307.
- II. Claims 12-20, drawn to a method, classified in class 216, subclass 88.

In this Reply, Applicants hereby elect Group I (Claims 1-11) and have withdrawn Group II claims 12-20, without prejudice. The election is made with traverse.

Based on the above election, Applicants request removal of the restriction requirement and substantive examination of claims 1-11. Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if it is believed that the above restriction election is incomplete or improper in any way, or if a telephonic interview will expedite the prosecution of the application to an allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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